

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 7, the fourth full paragraph is amended as follows:

The valve apparatus 20 is comprised of a valve element 21, a valve main body 24 in which the valve element 21 is fixedly accommodated, a moving iron core 22 integrated with one end of the valve element 21, a valve seat ~~24a~~21a disposed at an end of the valve main body 24, a plate 23 having plural orifices, and so on.

Page 12, the first full paragraph is amended as follows:

As described above, the fuel injection valve according to the invention includes: a valve section 20 consisting of a cylindrical moving iron core 22 that reciprocates in axial direction in response to fuel injection signal, a valve element 21 integrated with the mentioned moving iron core 22 at one end and provided with a valve seat ~~24a~~21a at the other end, and a plate 23 having orifices that are opened and closed as the mentioned valve seat ~~24a~~21a comes in contact with the orifices and parts therefrom; and a solenoid section 10 consisting of a cylindrical stationary iron core 11 disposed facing the mentioned moving iron core 22 in axial direction, a cylindrical yoke 16 disposed on the outer circumference of the mentioned moving iron core 22, a non-magnetic metal sleeve 17 where the mentioned stationary iron core 11 and the mentioned yoke 16 are joined into one body by welding, a housing 12 forming a magnetic loop with the mentioned stationary iron core 11, moving iron core 22 and yoke 16, a coil 13 that is disposed on the outer circumference of the mentioned stationary iron core 11 and gives axial electromagnetic attraction

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to the mentioned moving iron core 22, and a compression spring 14 to urge spring force that moves the mentioned valve element 21 toward the mentioned plate 23.

Page 14, the first full paragraph is amended as follows:

In addition, the valve seat ~~24a~~21a at the lower part of the valve main body 24 comes in contact with the plate 23 provided with the orifices, and therefore martensitic stainless steel being an abrasion resistant magnetic material is employed as the valve seat ~~24a~~21a.